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TO: <i>A/</i> Chief, Operations; Chief, E&PS		
ROOM NO.	BUILDING	
REMARKS: FYI. The State Dept sent out an "Advance Management Advisory Team" to Bangkok last year to study Mission use of U.S.-owned land with an eye to consolidating components now scattered all over town. They advised construction of a new chancery into which all Mission agencies would be moved, except FBIS and a medical research outfit. FBIS was excluded		
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I didn't want to be automatically excluded, however, so I sent the attached memo (10 March 1980) to the Admin Counselor just to keep our options open.

His best guess is that any action is 5 to 10 years down the road, so this is one for the archives. [REDACTED] should be made aware of it, however. A partial copy of the AMAT report is in bureau files.

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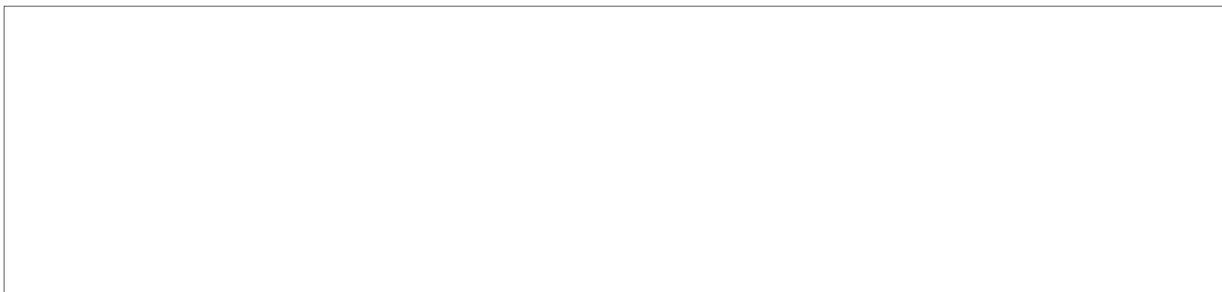
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ATTN OF: Chief, Bangkok Bureau, FBIS

SUBJECT: AMAT Report - FBIS Comments

TO: Counselor for Administrative Affairs

I have read the AMAT report on utilization of U.S.-owned land in Bangkok and have a few observations I request be placed on record with the report and the Mission's responses to it.

1. Although I concur with the conclusion stated on page 23 of the report that FBIS' need for interference-free radio and microwave reception argue against its inclusion in the proposed new chancery building in the present embassy compound, I do not see this as excluding the possibility that FBIS could at some point in future space adjustments be relocated to U.S.-owned property. Like some other components, FBIS is hostage to periodic lease renewal negotiations and to an inflationary situation which makes continuing sharp increases in office rental costs inevitable. While its present office quarters are highly desirable from the standpoint of convenience to the embassy, unimpeded line-of-sight to its receiving site, and pleasant surroundings, FBIS dependence on its landlord's goodwill at lease renewal time makes relocation look attractive.



3. That said, it is also true that Mission planning for the re-allocation of grounds and related construction is now so tentative and any actual construction seems so far in the future, that room exists for looking at other planning approaches that will include FBIS within a Mission-owned compound. FBIS priorities in such a case would be:

a. Approximately 1,000 square meters of space.



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- b. Sufficient height to provide unimpeded line-of-sight to the FBIS receiving facility [] therefore, a top-floor location.
- c. Sufficient distance from the TCU to insure interference-free reception.
- d. Maximum possible proximity to the Embassy compound consistent with the above needs, to facilitate mutual support and access to classified cable and pouch channels.

FBIS would accordingly be interested in space in [] or [] in that order of preference.

4. It is worth noting that FBIS could derive another substantial operational and budgetary benefit from a relocation: It could take the occasion of the move to modify its remote receiving configuration from a manually operated one to a fully automatic mode. This would make it possible to reduce sharply the amount of space used--and air conditioned at substantial cost--[] and would result in some reduction and improved utilization of local staff through consolidation of personnel at the new Bangkok office site.

5. If planning for the proposed reallocation of U.S.-owned property begins to gather speed, I would welcome your introducing these FBIS concerns into the process at the earliest appropriate time and keeping us informed as thinking jells on the AMAT report. Thank you for the opportunity to review it.

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Chief, Bangkok Bureau, FBIS

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